



Illinois Fire Inspectors Association

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A Message from the Board of Directors

How can one document continuing education hours for video training? This question was recently received regarding tracking of hours. Currently we have no way of knowing how many might be watching a web video or how long they were on, so there is no way we can issue any certificates.

As with all training, documentation is to be tracked by you. When you submit your recert sheet to the OSFM, it needs to be signed off by the Fire Chief. The obligation is always on the individual to track and document any kind of fire prevention training that you do, in whatever program you do, indicating subject, number of hours, method of instruction, etc. In the event you would get audited, this is the information that the OSFM will be looking for to back up your submitted hours.

This same information should be good for NFPA and ICC recertifications. Just don't forget that 50% of ICC hours must be Preferred Provider hours.

Should we continue video classes, we might change platforms used, where each person is given a login. This would allow us to tell who was one, and how long they were on line. IF that happens certificates could be issued, but even then, track your hours internally as stated above.

Our mini seminar for June will again be virtual. It will be on Alternative Suppression Systems, and will be presented by Lee Kaiser from Orr Protection Systems. We will be looking at this event to be the typical 2½ session. The appropriate link will be sent out the week of the presentation. Registration as usual, is on our website.

If you have any questions or ideas related to what training is provided, you can submit them to us at training@illinoisfireinspectors.org Your comments will go to the appropriate people for review.

With the pandemic quarantines starting to wind down, we are moving forward with trying to offer OSFM certification classes. Plans are for the fire inspector classes to be in New Lenox. **There is enough room at New Lenox that there will be distancing between attendees.** The dates are Inspector I: July 30, August 6, 13, 20, 27 and Inspector II: October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29. Registration can be done on our website. As there are still some uncertainties, we will be holding off on doing any billing until about a month out from the class. Hopefully at that time we will have a good idea if we will be allowed to offer these classes.

Regarding the Fire and Life Safety Educator class, we are looking at offering that class in the Spring of 2021, possibly May 3-5, 10 and 11, with a location to be determined. If you are

considering any of the Inspector classes we are offering in the Fall, the timing of this class should be good for you. Make plans for this. If you might be interested in this class, let the IFIA office know by signing an interest form on the website so we can plan accordingly. As more details are finalized, we will let you know.

I am sure that many of your people have been doing some exceptional work, especially over the past few months. You can show your appreciation by nominating them for an award that will be presented in the fall. On the website are a list of awards, and a nomination form.

From the NFPA #1:

Cannabis growing and extraction facilities pose a number of hazards. Without the proper knowledge, communities are put at risk, often unintentionally. We at NFPA are developing resources to help support stakeholders when cannabis is legalized. Help us help you by answering some questions in this survey: <https://www.research.net/r/NFPA-CannabisSafety>

From the NFPA #2:

NFPA has several on-line Training Programs that I thought might be of interest as people are trying to maintain their training, especially during this time of “lock down”.

Certified Fire Inspector I or Certified Fire Plan Examiner. The course descriptions can be found at: <https://catalog.nfpa.org/Certifications-C3823.aspx>

Hot Work Safety Certificate Training Program. This program was developed at the request of the Boston Fire Department following the deaths of two Boston Fire Fighters. <https://www.nfpa.org/Training-and-Events/By-topic/Hot-Work>

NFPA 70E Online Course Series. Hundreds of worker deaths and thousands of injuries could be prevented each year by following the latest edition of NFPA 70E, *Standard for Electrical Safety in the Workplace®*. Originally developed at OSHA's request, NFPA 70E provisions are applied to identify electrical safety hazards and reduce employee exposure to those hazards. This program includes eight one-hour training modules followed by brief quizzes. <https://catalog.nfpa.org/NFPA-70E-Standard-for-Electrical-Safety-in-the-Workplace-2018-Online-Training-Series-P18061.aspx?icid=D711>

NFPA 80: Standard for Fire Doors and Other Opening Protective's. Locate, interpret, and correctly identify and apply the requirements for the inspection, testing, and maintenance of fire door assemblies. This module is based on the 2016 edition of *NFPA 80*, and includes five one-hour training modules followed by brief quizzes. <https://catalog.nfpa.org/NFPA-80-2016-Inspection-Testing-and-Maintenance-Requirements-for-Swinging-Fire-Doors-Online-Training-P17380.aspx?icid=D843>

Russell E. Sanders, Central Regional Director, NFPA

AHJ members have the opportunity to serve on International Kitchen Exhaust Cleaning Association (IKECA) committees designed to improve the member experience and grow the Kitchen Exhaust Cleaning industry. The AHJ Committee provides a direct link to allies from

other jurisdictions and to our key partners in fire prevention and life safety. If you would like a complementary membership follow this link. <https://ikeca.org/membership/authorities-having-jurisdiction/>

Until we hear differently, the State Fair is still planning to go on as scheduled. As such, we desperately need assistance operating the Fire Safety Exhibit at the Fair. That date is August 23. The IFIA will provide all passes needed. The tent is only open from 10 – 4, and just half a day will help us out a lot.

Meri-K Appy, formerly of NFPA and the Home Safety Council, has invited the State of Illinois to participate in the next phase of a program called Sound Off with the Home Fire Safety Patrol. It is a school-based program to teach students and in grades 3 and 4 and their families - especially those in low-income/high-risk areas - about the different sounds a smoke alarm makes and how to be safe from fire. Sound Off is a CRR model program. It combines education with home safety visits to install free smoke alarms provided by the grant. Illinois would join 11 states currently working to implement Sound Off in communities across their states.

Sound Off was developed by professional curriculum experts and expanded through four Fire Prevention and Safety Grants, beginning in FY13. In the upcoming FY19 grant proposal we hope to bring on 6-8 new states under the direction of a State Team led by a state-level fire organization. Each State Team will select 3-5 Local Teams led by the fire department, working in elementary schools serving low-income students. Meri-K and her team will conduct a training in each state for the State and Local Teams to learn best practices on working in schools with high-risk families. Following the training, Local Teams will conduct a pilot project in one classroom and collect pre and post test data on knowledge gain among participating students.

After piloting, each Local Team will work to expand to other classrooms in the community. In Phase 2 of the program in Illinois, pending additional funding from FEMA, the Local Team leaders become mentors to bring new communities on board - again, under the direction of the State Team led by the IFIA.

The IFIA would be the repository for smoke alarms and Sound Off Teaching Kits that you could distribute. The IFIA would also track the number of classrooms and students reached, number of home safety visits, alarms installed, etc.

All of the materials you'd need are available in English and Spanish at ymiclassroom.com/sound-off. Grantees will receive printed copies of the Teaching Kits and the Sound Off Storybook as well as a supply of smoke alarms to install in at-risk homes.

If this is something that you might be interested in participating in, let me know at rmorris464@comcast.net.

The following are the latest recalls from the Consumer Products Safety Commission:

Epson Recalls Power Adapters Sold with Epson Scanners Due to Burn and Fire Hazards: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2020/Epson-Recalls-Power-Adapters-Sold-with-Epson-Scanners-Due-to-Burn-and-Fire-Hazards>

Modular Robotics Recalls Rechargeable Battery Packs Due to Burn Hazard: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2020/Modular-Robotics-Recalls-Rechargeable-Battery-Packs-Due-to-Burn-Hazard>

Bellman & Symfon Recalls Flash Receivers for Reduced Hearing Persons; Unit Can Fail to Alert in an Emergency: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2020/Bellman-and-Symfon-Recalls-Flash-Receivers-for-Reduced-Hearing-Persons-Unit-Can-Fail-to-Alert-in-an-Emergency>

Ximi Vogue Recalls Children's Neck Pillows Due to Violation of the Federal Lead Paint Ban; Risk of Poisoning: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2020/Ximi-Vogue-Recalls-Childrens-Neck-Pillows-Due-to-Violation-of-the-Federal-Lead-Paint-Ban-Risk-of-Poisoning>

Prepac Recalls 4-Drawer Chests Due to Tip-Over and Entrapment Hazards. In-Home Remedy May Be Delayed Due to COVID-19 Restrictions; Keep Product Away from Children: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2020/Prepac-Recalls-4-Drawer-Chests-Due-to-Tip-Over-and-Entrapment-Hazards-In-Home-Remedy-May-Be-Delayed-Due-to-COVID-19-Restrictions-Keep-Product-Away-from-Children>

Noah Clothing Recalls Men's Reverse Fleece Hoodies Due to Violation of Federal Flammability Standard; Burn Hazard: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2020/Noah-Clothing-Recalls-Mens-Reverse-Fleece-Hoodies-Due-to-Violation-of-Federal-Flammability-Standard-Burn-Hazard>

Fully Popped Recalls Poppin' Cobs 10 Pack Microwave Popcorn Due to Fire and Burn Hazards; Sold Exclusively at Uncommon Good Stores: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2020/Fully-Popped-Recalls-Poppin-Cobs-10-Pack-Microwave-Popcorn-Due-to-Fire-and-Burn-Hazards-Sold-Exclusively-at-Uncommon-Good-Stores>

Hodedah Recalls HI4DR 4-Drawer Chests Due to Tip-Over and Entrapment Hazards; Remedies May Be Delayed Due to COVID-19 Restrictions; Keep Product Away from Children: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2020/Hodedah-Recalls-HI4DR-4-Drawer-Chests-Due-to-Tip-Over-and-Entrapment-Hazards-Remedies-May-Be-Delayed-Due-to-COVID-19-Restrictions-Keep-Product-Away-from-Children>

Flybar Recalls Swurfer Baby and Toddler Swings Due to Fall Hazard: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2020/Flybar-Recalls-Swurfer-Baby-and-Toddler-Swings-Due-to-Fall-Hazard>

Sterno Home Recalls Path Light Kits With LED Power Supplies Due to Shock Hazard: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2020/Sterno-Home-Recalls-Path-Light-Kits-With-LED-Power-Supplies-Due-to-Shock-Hazard>

Garia Recalls Golf & Courtesy Electric Vehicles Due to Fire Hazard:

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2020/Garia-Recalls-Golf-and-Courtesy-Electric-Vehicles-Due-to-Fire-Hazard>

Sanvall Enterprises Recalls Rapid Alivio Pain Relieving Roll-On Due to Failure to Meet Child Resistant Packaging Requirement; Risk of Poisoning:

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2020/Sanvall-Enterprises-Recalls-Rapid-Alivio-Pain-Relieving-Roll-On-Due-to-Failure-to-Meet-Child-Resistant-Packaging-Requirement-Risk-of-Poisoning>

Primark Recalls Kitten Heel Court Shoes Due to High Levels of Chromium; Risk of Skin

Irritation: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2020/Primark-Recalls-Kitten-Heel-Court-Shoes-Due-to-High-Levels-of-Chromium-Risk-of-Skin-Irritation>

Bunz Kidz Children's Sleepwear Sets Recalled by Stargate Apparel Due to Violation of Federal

Flammability Standard; Burn Hazard: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2020/Bunz-Kidz-Childrens-Sleepwear-Sets-Recalled-by-Stargate-Apparel-Due-to-Violation-of-Federal-Flammability-Standard-Burn-Hazard>

Check the website for the following upcoming events:

July & August – summer break for routine monthly meetings.

July 30, August 6, 13, 20, 27 Inspector 1, New Lenox

Aug 23 – IFIA State Fair day

Aug 28 - Sprinkler basics full day

Sept 25 – Awards luncheon at Plainfield FPD

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Inspector 2, New Lenox

Oct 23 - kitchen systems seminar and meeting

Nov 20 - Did You Know seminar and meeting

Feb 17 - school safety round table full day

March 24 – 26 Annual Fire and Life Safety Conference

May 3-5, 10 and 11– Fire and Life Safety Educator